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The slap-on-the-wrist settlement makes three things clear:

- 1) Microsoft has a better legal department than does DOJ,
- 2) Egregious exploitation of an operating system monopoly can be conducted with impunity, and
- 3) Microsoft need make no significant change in its anti-trust behavior.

It is a travesty that DOJ has voted so strongly against the consumer at a time when the Federal Government wants the consumer to rescue the economy. We consumers will continue to be saddled with a second-rate bloated unreliable overpriced operating system and, since there is also an office-products monopoly, a second-rate office suite.

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